

To ensure compliance with Federal Law and Regulation, any person acquiring display fireworks, defined as explosive materials by 18 U.S.C. 841(d), must first obtain a Federal license or permit. An application to apply for such license or permit can be obtained from the following:



Department of Justice
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Omaha Field Office
2707 N. 108th Street, Ste. 202
Omaha, NE 68164

Industry Operations: 402-493-4183
FAX: 402-493-3685

- Or by contacting the ATF National Licensing Center @ 1-866-662-2750 and requesting an application packet.
- Or by visiting our website at: www.atf.gov Please note the application can be downloaded from the website; however, the required fingerprint cards cannot. The required fingerprint cards must be provided directly from ATF.

Another requirement of Federal Law and Regulation is the proper storage of display fireworks in an explosives storage magazine, which meets the construction requirements set forth in Subpart K of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations (27 CFR 555.201 - 224). A summary of the storage requirements is provided on the reverse side of this document, and a full description of the requirements can be found in our Regulations, as cited above: 27 CFR 555.201 - 224. The regulations can be found on our website as well. Please feel free to contact your local ATF office, as listed above, with questions or concerns. Thank you.

Summary of Federal Explosives Storage Requirements

Types of Storage Facilities

STORAGE TYPE	CLASSES OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS WHICH MAY BE STORED THEREIN
Type 1 (permanent)	High Explosives Low Explosives Blasting Agents
Type 2 (portable)	High Explosives Low Explosives Blasting Agents
Type 3 ("day box" for temporary storage)	High Explosives Low Explosives Blasting Agents
Type 4	Low Explosives Blasting Agents *Electric Blasting Caps
Type 5	Blasting Agents

* As a result of tests with electric blasting caps, it has been determined that these blasting caps are not subject to sympathetic detonation. Therefore, a Type 4 storage facility meets the necessary requirements for storage of blasting caps that do not mass detonate.

Housekeeping and Construction Common to All Types of Storage Facilities

ITEM	REQUIREMENTS
Hinges and Hasps	• Shall be attached to doors by <u>Welding OR Riveting OR Bolt ing</u> (nuts on inside of door).
Locks	• Each door shall be equipped with: <u>Two mortise locks, OR two padlocks</u> fastened in separate hasps and staples, OR a combination of a mortise lock and a padlock, OR a mortise lock requiring 2 keys to open OR a three-point lock.

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Locks (cont'd.)	Locks shall be five-tumbler or five-blade. Padlocks shall be protected with 1/4 inch (.25") steel caps constructed to prevent sawing or lever action on locks/hasps.
Lighting	Electric lighting used in any magazine must meet National Electrical Code standards for conditions present. All electric switches must be located outside the magazine and comply with the National Electrical Code. Battery activated safety lighting may be used in all explosives magazines.
House-keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage facilities shall be kept clean, dry, and free of grit, paper, empty packages and containers, and rubbish. • Explosive materials shall not be placed directly against interior walls of a storage facility. • Brooms and other cleaning utensils shall have no spark-producing metal parts. • Only tools made of nonsparking materials shall be used in Types 1,2,3, and 4 magazines. (Metal slitters may be used for opening fiberboard containers. Metal tools other than nonsparking transfer conveyors shall not be stored in any magazine containing explosives.) • Area surrounding storage facilities shall be kept clear of rubbish, brush, dry grass or trees less than 10' tall for not less than 25' in all directions. • Any other combustible materials shall be kept a distance of not less than 50' from outdoor storage.